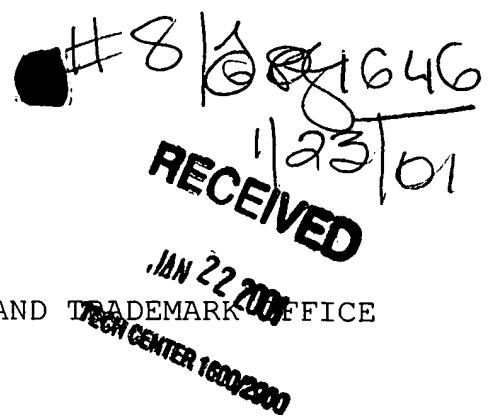
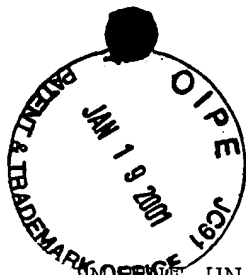


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Serial No. 09/509,196) Examiner: O. Chernyshev
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For: A POTENTIAL EFFECTOR)
FOR THE GRB7 FAMILY)
OF SIGNALLING PROTEINS)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated December 20, 2000, a restriction requirement was issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application. Specifically, the examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-7, drawn to polynucleotides, host cells and methods of making a protein, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1;

Group II: claims 8-10, drawn to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350;

Group III: claims 11 and 16, drawn to antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1;

Group IV: claims 14 and 17, drawn to methods of detecting a protein, classified in class 436, subclass 501; and

Group V: claims 12, 13, 15 and 18, drawn to oligonucleotide probes and methods of detection of mRNA, classified in class 536, subclass 24.3.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I with traverse for initial prosecution on the merits. Specifically, Applicants respectfully request that the claims of Group V (claims 12, 13, 15 and 18) be examined with the claims of Group I (claims 1-7). The focus of the claims of the two groups is polynucleotide sequences which have a relation to one another and examining the two sets of claims together would not place an undue burden on the examiner. For example, claim 1 is directed to an isolated polynucleotide molecule which comprises a nucleotide sequence having at least 75% sequence identity to a given sequence. Claims 2-4 are similar but require increasing sequence identity to the given sequence. Claim 12 is directed to an oligonucleotide probe comprising a nucleotide sequence that selectively hybridizes to the polynucleotide molecule of any of claim 1, 2, 3 or 4. The examiner has acknowledged the

relationship in the Restriction Requirement, and Applicants
request that the claims of the two groups be examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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